Hares are so similar to their close relatives the rabbits, that in some parts of the world, creatures that should be called hares, are known as rabbits. In general hares are larger, with much bigger ears, but the most important differences are in their ways of life. Unlike rabbits, hares live alone, usually in grassy places. They do not dig burrows but make a shallow trench called a form to shelter in. A hare lies quite still when a dog or a fox approaches. It does not move until the enemy is very near. Then it leaps away. It can run very fast, zigzagging and jumping high so that can still watch its enemy. Hares also leap and chase each other during the matting season. Which is why we talk about mad March hares! Baby hares are called levets. They are able to be active within minutes of being born. The mother hides them near to her for a few days and feeds them every evening. But soon after they are able to look after themselves.